

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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SUPPLY OF SUB-STANDARD FERTILIZERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are aware that the loss of crores of rupees has been caused to the farmers during the last year by supplying sub-standard fertilizers, seeds and pesticides for the irrigated land areas in Rajasthan;
- (b) whether the Government have conducted any tests in regard to quality of the fertilizers, pesticides and seeds before they are released for the market;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a)to(d): No specific complaint about sale and supply of non-standard fertilizers, pesticides and seeds in the State of Rajasthan has been received. It is the endeavour of the Government that only good quality fertilizer, seeds and pesticides are sold. The quality of fertilizer is governed under the Fertilizer (Control) Order, 1985 and fertilizers only which meet the standards of quality laid down in the order are sold to the farmers. Similarly, quality control of pesticides and seeds is being regulated under the provisions of Insecticides Act, 1968 and the Rules framed thereunder and Seed Act/Seed Control Order (1966/1983) respectively. In Rajasthan there are 3 fertilizer testing laboratories with an annual capacity of 6000 samples, one each at Jaipur, Jodhpur & Udaipur. During 2000-2001 these laboratories analysed 4551 fertilizer samples, out of which 40 samples were found non-standard. Two pesticides testing laboratories one each at Jaipur and Bikaner with an annual capacity of 1200 samples of pesticides have been set up. During 2000-2001, 392 pesticides samples were analysed out of which 9 samples were found non-standard. The fertilizers, pesticides and seed which do not meet the specifications/standards laid in the respective Act/Order are not allowed for sale to the farmers. The State Governments have the authority as the enforcement agencies to ensure that the farmers get the standard quality of fertilisers, seeds and pesticides.